

Francois de La Rochefoucauld

François VI, Duc de La Rochefoucauld, Prince de Marcillac (15 September 1613 – 17 March 1680) was a noted French author of maxims and memoirs. It is said that his world-view was clear-eyed and urbane, and that he neither condemned human conduct nor sentimentally celebrated it. Born in Paris on the Rue des Petits Champs, at a time when the royal court was vacillating between aiding the nobility and threatening it, he was considered an exemplar of the accomplished 17th-century nobleman. Until 1650, he bore the title of Prince de Marcillac.



1. Only the person who gets on the strength of character to be evil sometimes is worth praise for the kindness; otherwise kindness often speaks only of inactivity or lack of will.
 2. The highest cunning is to know the real price for everything.
 3. Selflove is more cunning than the most cunning man in the world.
4. Sometimes there are situations in life which you can get out only with a fair share of recklessness.
5. Insignificant problem – to oblige ungrateful, but a great misfortune – to accept a favour of a scoundrel.
6. We can invariably be good to our families when they believe that they can not hurt us with impunity.